

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action issued with respect the present application, the Applicant submits the accompanying terminal disclaimer and Amendment of the claims, and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment:

In the Amendment;

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the printhead and ink reservoirs are connected by the ink supply harness via a self-sealing disconnect coupling. Support for this amendment can be found at page 41, lines 1-6 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 5, 12, 13, 17, 18, 21-31, 37-42, 44, 45 and 47-49 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

Regarding Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejections

With respect to the Examiner's non-statutory double patenting and provisional non-statutory double patenting rejections of claim 1 over the indicated claims of US Patent Nos. 6,944,970, 6,920,704 and 7,186,042 and copending Application Nos. 10/760,228, 10/760,225, 10/760,240, 10/760,226, 10/760,224, 10/760,199, 10/760,193, 10/760,269, 10/760,266, 10/760,230, 10/760,215, 10/760,241, 10/760,256 and 10/760,214, the Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c); the present application, US Patent Nos. 6,944,970, 6,920,704 and 7,186,042 and copending Application Nos. 10/760,228, 10/760,225, 10/760,240, 10/760,226, 10/760,224, 10/760,199, 10/760,193, 10/760,269, 10/760,266, 10/760,230, 10/760,215, 10/760,241, 10/760,256 and 10/760,214 being commonly owned by the Applicant.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 5, 12, 13, 17, 18, 21-31, 37-42, 44, 45 and 47-49 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Martin (US 2002/0171692) in view of any one or more of Nozawa (US 5,701,147), Goldstein (US 2002/069078), Silverbrook (US 2002/0158924), Rasmussen et al. (US 6,536,894) and Austin et al. (US 5,488,223), for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the printhead and ink reservoirs are connected by the ink supply harness via a self-sealing disconnect coupling. In this way, the printhead is easily removable from the from the claimed printer without loss of ink or user inconvenience (see page 41, lines 1-6 of the present specification).

On the other hand, Martin merely illustrates in the Fig. 2 that the print head 20 is connected to the ink supply 22 (see also paragraph [0009]). Martin does not teach or suggest that the print head is removable from the printer 18 and therefore does not teach or suggest disconnecting the connection between the print head and ink supply, let alone a self-sealing disconnect coupling as recited in the amended independent claim 1.

None of the other cited references make up for these deficiencies in Martin, and therefore the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 5, 12, 13, 17, 18, 21-31, 37-42, 44, 45 and 47-49 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by the cited references.

Regarding Specification

The Applicant has amended pages 1 and 2 of the specification by deleting the paragraphs entitled "Co-pending applications" and "Cross-references to related applications" and replacing them with new updated paragraphs. The US docket numbers and US application numbers have merely been replaced by their corresponding US applications numbers or US grant numbers, where applicable. The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.

The Applicant has also amended Page 36 of the specification to merely correct a typographical error.


It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,


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